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## **DOE AWARDS INFORMATION CENTER AND SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD SUPPORT CONTRACT TO MCH CORPORATION**

### ***Sweetwater-Based Small Business Receives Award***

**OAK RIDGE, Tenn.** – The U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Office has awarded a contract to MCH Corporation for operation of the Department's Information Center (DOEIC) and support to the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB). The award is the Sweetwater, Tennessee-based company's first contract award with the Department of Energy.

"We welcome a new small business to the Oak Ridge contractor community," said Gerald Boyd, Manager of the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Office. "We look forward to working with MCH Corporation as they coordinate activities for our Information Center and Site Specific Advisory Board, both critical to our public involvement activities at the Oak Ridge Office."

The contract, awarded to MCH on September 1, is for one base year with four option years and has a total value of \$2.9 million. The company, under the leadership of Michael Hamilton, is an 8(a) Small Disadvantaged Business. It is also a Historically Underutilized Business Zone Business, Veteran-Owned Business, and Native American-Owned Small Business as certified by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

"We look forward to managing the DOEIC and supporting the ORSSAB as well as providing them with the technically diverse capabilities we offer to ensure their continued successful operation," said Michael Hamilton, President of MCH Corporation.

MCH Corporation will coordinate operation of the Information Center, which is the primary location in Oak Ridge for the public to access documents, electronic databases and to participate in public meetings supporting the Department's programs in science, environmental management, national security, and nuclear fuel supply in Oak Ridge. More than 40,000 documents are contained in the Center's collection, some dating back to the Manhattan Project.

The new contractor will also provide administrative support to the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board, a federally-appointed, 20-member citizens' panel that provides independent advice and recommendations to the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Office on its Environmental Management Program. The Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Information Center, located at 475 Oak Ridge Turnpike in Oak Ridge.

The Information Center is open 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Staff may be contacted at (865) 241-4780 or 1-800-382-6938, option 6; fax (865) 574-3521; and e-mail DOEIC@oro.doe.gov. The Center's Web site is [www.oakridge.doe.gov/info\\_cntr](http://www.oakridge.doe.gov/info_cntr).

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**Photo Caption:** MCH Corporation, a small business based in Sweetwater, Tennessee, was awarded a five year contract to operate the DOE Information Center in Oak Ridge along with providing administrative support to the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board. Company president Michael Hamilton (far right) is pictured with staff members (left to right) Pete Osborne, Spencer Gross, Julia Beach, Wanda Joyce and Eva Butler. The Center is located at 475 Oak Ridge Turnpike in Oak Ridge.